

Comparisons of Job Characteristics

Focus Occupation: [Mechanical Engineering Technicians \(17-3027\)](#)

Associated Occupation: [Aerospace Engineering and Operations Technicians \(17-3021\)](#)

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<<	Focus occupation element is much lower
<	Focus occupation element is lower
0	Focus occupation element is at a similar level
>	Focus occupation element is at a higher level
>>	Focus occupation element is at a much higher level

Knowledge

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 83

Focus Occupation: Mechanical Engineering Technicians (17-3027)

Associated Occupation: Aerospace Engineering and Operations Technicians (17-3021)

Associated Occupation's Key Knowledge Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating	Evaluation of Focus Occupation
Engineering and Technology	5.7	23.6	16.1	<< Extensive education and/or training may be required
Computers and Electronics	8.4	17.3	10.8	<< Extensive education and/or training may be required
Mechanical	6.8	17.3	18.0	0 Current knowledge level may be sufficient
Production and Processing	6.0	13.2	12.6	0 Current knowledge level may be sufficient
Public Safety and Security	6.9	13.2	7.4	<< Extensive education and/or training may be required
Design	5.2	12.2	15.1	> Current knowledge level is likely sufficient
Law and Government	5.9	10.7	3.0	<< Extensive education and/or training may be required
Physics	4.3	9.7	10.2	0 Current knowledge level may be sufficient

The maximum possible rating is 25.

Source: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section analysis of O*NET (Occupation Information Network) data.

Skills

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 90

Focus Occupation: Mechanical Engineering Technicians (17-3027)

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Associated Occupation's Key Skills Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating	Evaluation of Focus Occupation
Quality Control Analysis	5.9	11.1	10.2	0 Current skill level may be sufficient
Operation Monitoring	6.6	11.0	10.7	0 Current skill level may be sufficient
Science	4.5	9.7	7.5	< A higher skill level may be required
Troubleshooting	4.5	9.2	7.3	< A higher skill level may be required
Equipment Maintenance	3.5	8.9	6.8	< A higher skill level may be required

Repairing	3.4	7.2	6.6	0	Current skill level may be sufficient
Equipment Selection	3.3	6.1	6.2	0	Current skill level may be sufficient

The maximum possible rating is 25.

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Abilities

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 93

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Associated Occupation's Key Abilities Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating	Evaluation of Focus Occupation	
Problem Sensitivity	11.1	13.6	12.2	<	Some improvement in abilities may be required
Information Ordering	9.9	11.6	11.4	0	Current ability level may be sufficient
Visualization	7.5	10.1	10.2	0	Current ability level may be sufficient
Flexibility of Closure	7.8	9.6	9.2	0	Current ability level may be sufficient
Visual Color Discrimination	6.4	8.7	9.2	0	Current ability level may be sufficient
Hearing Sensitivity	5.6	8.1	7.4	0	Current ability level may be sufficient

The maximum possible rating is 25.

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Activities that Both Occupations Have in Common

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 91

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Work Activities	Exclusivity of Activity
Analyze engineering test data	71
Analyze technical data, designs, or preliminary specifications	47
Calculate engineering specifications	64
Communicate technical information	4
Conduct performance testing	66
Confer with engineering, technical or manufacturing personnel	25
Develop plans for programs or projects	31
Draw prototypes, plans, or maps to scale	57
Evaluate engineering data	60
Examine engineering documents for completeness or accuracy	62
Inspect facilities or equipment for regulatory compliance	51
Operate metal or plastic fabricating equipment/machinery	54
Operate precision test equipment	81
Prepare technical reports or related documentation	22
Read blueprints	10
Read schematics	34

Read technical drawings	7
Test equipment as part of engineering projects or processes	67
Understand engineering data or reports	48
Understand service or repair manuals	40
Understand technical operating, service or repair manuals	6
Use drafting or mechanical drawing techniques	50
Use electrical or electronic test devices or equipment	40
Use knowledge of metric system	39
Use precision measuring tools or equipment	17
Use scientific research methodology	21
Use technical regulations for engineering problems	61

Not all positions in these occupations will necessarily perform all of the listed activities. The exclusivity rating is an indication of how unique the activity is amongst all occupations. The maximum rating is 100. High scores indicate that only a small number of occupations engage in that activity.

Source: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section analysis of O*NET (Occupation Information Network) data.

Tools and Technologies that Both Occupations Have in Common

Similarity of Focus
Occupation to Associated
Occupation: 84

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Tools and Technologies	Exclusivity
Business function specific software	1
Computers	1
Content authoring and editing software	1
Cutting and crimping and punching tools	3
Cutting tools	18
Drafting supplies	9
Electrical measuring and testing equipment	7
Forming tools	2
Holding and clamping tools	3
Indicating and recording instruments	2
Industry specific software	1
Length and thickness and distance measuring instruments	2
Light and wave generating and measuring equipment	4
Liquid and gas flow measuring and observing instruments	15
Machine tools	7
Machinery for working wood and stone and ceramic and the like	12
Marking tools	11
Measuring and layout tools	3
Metals and metallurgy and structural materials testing instruments	15
Non destructive examination equipment	13
Power tools	2
Rough and finishing tools	5
Soldering and brazing and welding machinery and supplies	6
Special tooling fixtures	16
Viewing and observing instruments and accessories	4

Vision protection and accessories	3
Wrenches and drivers	2

Not all positions in these occupations will necessarily use all of the listed tools and technologies. The exclusivity rating is an indication of how unique the tool or technology is amongst all occupations. The maximum rating is 100. High scores indicate that only a small number of occupations use that tool or technology.

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